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Never Too Messed  
Romans 1:1-12

### When was the last time you said “that’s messed up?”

#### Paul’s Letter to the Romans:

- Transformed the lives of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_
- Written in \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Structure:
  - Ch. 1-4 What is our mess and our need for Christ?
  - Ch. 5-8 How does the lordship of Christ transform our mess?
  - Ch. 9-11 What is God’s plan for Israel? What is our future hope?
  - Ch. 12-15 How do we live out this new life?

### I. God starts with messed up \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...*

- Servant--
- Apostle--
- Set apart--

### II. God starts with messed up \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:2-5 *...the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures<sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David,<sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power[b] by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.<sup>5</sup> Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake.*

### III. God starts with messed up \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:6-12 *And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.<sup>7</sup> To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.<sup>9</sup> God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you<sup>10</sup> in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.<sup>11</sup> I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—<sup>12</sup>that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.*

#### The Gospel:

1. God made everything \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1)
2. But it’s all and we’re all \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 1:18-2:4 and 3:23)
3. We deserve to be trashed (2:1-16 and 6:23)
4. But through Jesus’ death, God has made a way for new life (3:21-26)
5. You receive God’s grace and new life through faith in Christ (3:28)
6. You live out God’s grace by the Holy Spirit’s power (Ch.8)

#### Point:

#### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How are you messed up? What is messed up in your life?
2. How can the good news of Jesus transform your mess into your message?
3. Have you ever thought you were too messed up for God? Have you ever thought you didn’t need God? How does the gospel challenge those ideas?
4. In your own (non-churchy) words, what is the gospel?
5. What is messed up right now that you need to acknowledge you need help? What new calling does God have for you?



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